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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 18, 2006, the due date for which is August 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.